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DOWNO-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), Wednesday, March 25, 2020

# **CURRENT CONFIRMED NUMBERS (public/employee)**

Panhandle

8/0

New Mexico

6/0

**South Plains** 

21/0

STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

# State EOC

• Enterprise Preparedness – Tuesday and Thursday

### PUC/PRC

• Regulatory Affairs – Weekly

# City/County

• Community Relations - Weekly

#### Advertising

Safety Only Messaging

**OPERATIONS** 

# General

- 11,800 Xcel Energy corporate-wide Working From Home 3/23
- Both Texas and New Mexico have excluded the Energy sector in Executive Order
- Curry County Texas and City of Lubbock under a Shelter in Place type order with utility exclusions
- Increased cleaning at service centers, general offices and plants
- All category 2-4 employees now working from home
- No visitor policy at all locations
- Only vendor delivery of essential goods and services are allowed

# Distribution

- Control Center is conducting "well checks" w/ temperature readings for employee entry
- Control Center is considered sterile environment with restricted access
  - o Employees are cleaning
- Distribution Control Center (DCC) has cots and food provisions on hand
- Xcel Energy employees will NOT enter into residential customer dwellings
- Servicemen are reporting directly from home to job site
- Crews are beginning staggered start times to increase social distancing
- Pre-Evaluating and establishing "Critical Work Only" in case of workforce infections
- Design Engineers and Designers working from home but still visiting job sites while maintain social distancing guidelines

### Transmission

 Transmission Control Center (TCC) employees are performing a temperature self-check before arriving at the control center

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- All non-operators are working from home
- Transmission Control Center (TCC) is considered sterile environment with restricted access
  - External cleaning crew
- Transmission Control Center (TCC) has cots and food provisions on hand
- Pre-Evaluating and establishing "Critical Work Only"
- Substation O&M crews and Relay Technicians are reporting from home to job site
- Transmission Construction employees reporting to job site

# **Energy Supply**

- Power plant Control Room Employees have been isolated
- Isolated contractors performing capital work
- Power plant Control Room has cots and food provisions on hand

# **Supply Chain**

- Pre purchased fundamental supplies such as wire, poles, and cross-arms
- Established work from home guidelines for key vendors and consultants
- Established vetting of key operational contractors

**CUSTOMER CARE** 

### **Customer Call Center**

- Customer Care agents have begun transitioning to Work from Home
- Customer Care agents are scripting customer calls, inquiring if anyone has COVID-19 or is quarantined at the location
  - Informs customer that our worker will not shake hands and will maintain social distance
- Suspension of Disconnection of Service to any residential service
- Suppressing New Mexico Residential Late Payment Fees

**AMARILLO REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS** 

- Most employees working from home
- Semi-daily cleaning of surfaces
- In-person meetings changed to only phone-in meetings using expanded Avaya and CenturyLink tele-concerning capacity
- Zoom and Skype for business video conferencing applications increasingly being used
- Workout facilities closed
- Social distancing guidelines in place

**WATCH ITEMS** 

# General

- Cleaning supplies and sanitizer becoming less available
- Availability of thermometers for expanded employee temperature checks
  - Request made to Texas EOC for assistance in finding thermometers